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Unemployment Insurance Reference Guide Now Available
Initial Claims Declined from 2010 to 2011

TOPEKA, Kan – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) Unemployment Insurance Reference Guide 2002-2011 is now available, with detailed information about the Kansas unemployment insurance program.

Initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) declined by 11.1 percent from 2010 to 2011. The average duration a claimant received regular unemployment benefits was 15.9 weeks in 2011, down from 17.9 weeks in 2010.

“The annual data shows that a steady recovery is underway in the Kansas economy,” Lana Gordon, Interim Secretary of Labor, said. “This reference guide is provided as a resource in understanding employment and unemployment in our state.”

A total of 140,352 individuals received UI benefits from Kansas in 2011, down from 171,439 in 2010, a decrease of 18.1 percent. Benefit payments totaled \$431.1 million in 2011, a decrease of 20 percent from \$538.6 million in 2010.

“Though still well above pre-recession levels, unemployment claim totals, benefit payments paid and the average duration of unemployment payments all declined from 2010 to 2011,” Darren Boaz, primary author, said. “These reductions continue the trend towards lower unemployment and an improving economy.”

In 2011, benefits replaced, on average, 41.6 percent of weekly wages received by a claimant prior to becoming unemployed. The average weekly benefit amount received in 2011 was \$316.

The Reference Guide is available at: <https://klic.dol.ks.gov>.

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